

# Alcatraz Overnight Application

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Office of Special Park Uses  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area



Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Overnight Program on Alcatraz Island, part of Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park Service.

Due to high demand only **formally organized 501 (c)(3) non-profit groups** are allowed to take part in the lottery that is used to randomly select the year's participants. Each year applications are accepted **between November 1-30** for dates scheduled for the following year. Please submit one application for your group; duplicate applications and those submitted outside of the month of November will be discarded.

Overnight dates are pre-scheduled by Golden Gate National Recreation Area and assigned as groups are chosen from the lottery. The overnight program runs from March through December. Due to previously scheduled Alcatraz events and holidays, overnight dates cannot be rescheduled.

The Alcatraz Work Service Project/Overnight Program is truly a unique experience. Groups selected through the yearly lottery meet their Alcatraz Ranger at the dock and travel by the ferry to Alcatraz on a Friday or Saturday afternoon. Please note that you do not have to purchase separate tickets for the boat as it is already covered in the below Program costs. Once on the Island, with your belongings stowed in the Cellhouse, you will help the National Park Service by assisting in a 1-2 hour work program, such as vegetation management or Cellhouse maintenance. After the work project, groups receive a guided insiders tour from your Ranger. At night dinner will be cooked on a grill provided by the NPS. At the end of the evening, the group retires to their individual cells in D-Block. Each cell has a cot with a covered 4" foam mattress. Though you will have access to running water and flush toilets, consider Alcatraz as backcountry; there are no outlets for plugging in cell phones or computers.

The cost of the Alcatraz Overnight Program is \$2,000 and the maximum group size is 35. **Applicant groups may not have won the Alcatraz Overnight lottery within the past five years.** The applicant should be the primary point of contact for the group. If your group is selected in the lottery the date is not transferable. All 35 adults and children of the group must be known to each other. **Selling slots in the group to outside entities is prohibited.** Everyone in the group must be at least 9 years of age. There may be no more than 30 children with 5 adults or no more than 7 children to 1 adult.

To enter the lottery, complete the following information then fax, mail, or email it to the address below. Duplicate submissions and those received outside the month of November will be discarded without notification. All information must be complete; incomplete applications will not be eligible for the lottery. Applicants will receive notice of selection by end of December. If you have not received an email from us then please feel free to apply for the following year. Provide information below that will be valid throughout the selection process.

<b>Primary point of contact for Group</b>	
<b>Group Name / Group Address</b>	
<b>Contact Phone #</b> (include area code)	
<b>Contact Email Address</b>	

Thank you,

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